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BLAST OFF!



THE MAXXIS BRITISH MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP FIRES INTO LIFE AT HILTON PARK...

Words and photos by Suttu

As season openers go Hilton Park was a bad one. So bad in fact that it lead to Maxxis British Motocross Championship Series Manager Brian Higgins handing in his resignation soon after. The issues regarding the track, pits, medical cover, pass allocation and rider penalties have already all been well documented and in many ways have taken the focus away from what we were all there for – the actual racing.

And that's a real shame too because the few of us who did make it to Hilton Park – and then survived the trek from the car park along the goat trail to the circuit itself – were treated to some excellent performances from the British MX elite. Shaun Simpson was simply unstoppable in MX1 while young guns Ben Watson and Adam Sterry came out swinging hard in MX2 proving that the future's looking pretty bright for our young GP runners.

On the whole there's a lot of positivity to be

gained from the riders' performances on the day. Okay, there were a couple of guys who went home with disappointing results but that was more down to bad luck than a lack of preparation or talent.

Of course, that probably makes it all the more disappointing that round one of our premier national series was such a damp squib. Fortunately the powers that be are as dismayed with it as the rest of us and promise to make positive steps before round two at Lyng... >>

HISTORY MAKER!

THE DAY WHEN SHAUN SIMPSON RULED THE WORLD...

Words by Adam Wheeler Photos by Ray Archer

One of the best days for British motocross this century and the sport generally in terms of wistful stories of defiance and heroics was witnessed on a mild afternoon in September 2013. Shaun Simpson entered Grand Prix folklore with his outstanding and completely unexpected victory in Holland for the last ever MX1 fixture. Reminiscence is possible with YouTube videos but we spoke to the key people at Lierop that weekend to get the inside perspective on what happened. >>



HOMECOMING KING!

JONNY WALKER KICKS ASS AS THE TOUGH ONE RETURNS TO ITS SPIRITUAL HOME – NANTMAWR QUARRY

Words and photos by Future7Media

The Michelin Tough One is Britain's finest extreme enduro on the calendar. After a trial run at Hawkstone Park in 2014, the race returned to its spiritual home of Nantmawr Quarry in Shropshire for its 11th edition. Pushed back to early

March, the event was worlds away from its usual bitterly cold, wet and dreary early January days of the past. Bright sunny skies and a welcomed dry course favoured the majority of the classes competing.

On a roll following his Hell's Gate win in February, KTM's Jonny Walker was determined to make it two extreme enduro wins on the bounce and in doing so secure his very first Tough One victory. But after his disastrous outing at Hell's Gate, Graham Jarvis (Husqvarna) had winning intentions of his own.

From the get go the race quickly belonged to Walker. Fastest up the Le Mans style start, Walker grabbed his bike first and sprinted out to an early lead. It was one he'd never relinquish – despite Jarvis' best efforts to reel him back in. Clocking in lap after perfect lap, the KTM rider bagged his debut T1 win as Jarvis chased him home for second.

In the fight for the final step of the podium, it was Husqvarna's Alfredo Gomez who claimed third. Suffering a horrendous opening lap, the Spaniard steadily carved his way to the front of the field and snatched the podium position away from Andreas Lettenbichler (KTM) in the closing moments of the race. >>







LEGEND!

The most successful British motocross rider of all time, Dave Thorpe was King of the World in an era when factory 500cc two-strokes struck fear into the hearts of mortal men. His three world titles – won against some of the best MX riders the sport's ever seen – have made him a legend so, to mark the 30th anniversary of his first world title, we pay tribute to the Greatest Living Englishman...

Words by Sean Lawless Photos by Nick Haskell/Nuno Laranjeira





SEVENTIES SPECIAL Part 2!

The decade that delivered us disco and bell-bottoms was also a golden age for British motocross GPs...

Words and photos by **Jack Burnicle**

1974 presented UK motocross fans with a feast of world and European championship action encompassing all four classes. On June 2 a British Grand Prix was hosted for the first time by the Portsmouth Motor Cycle Racing Club at Ladies' Mile, Chalton in Hampshire.

28 year-old reigning 250 world champion Hakan Andersson (Yamaha) had snapped his right wrist in the opening round in Spain so lagged behind rugged Russian Guennady Moisseev (KTM) and spectacular 23 year-old Czech Jaroslav Falta (CZ).

Spritely little Belgian Harry Everts, riding the six-speed, twin-carb Austrian Puch also posed a threat, as did his veteran Suzuki-mounted compatriots Joel Robert and Sylvain Geboers. 'The First American', 1973 Spanish GP winner Jim Pomeroy was making his British debut and Bultaco team-mate Vic Allan, recovered from his previous season's broken ankle and headed for a 250/500 national championship double, led the British onslaught. According to the programme, 'the Corsham Concert Brass Band is charged with the responsibility of fulfilling the entire musical requirements at this meeting'. >>

1974

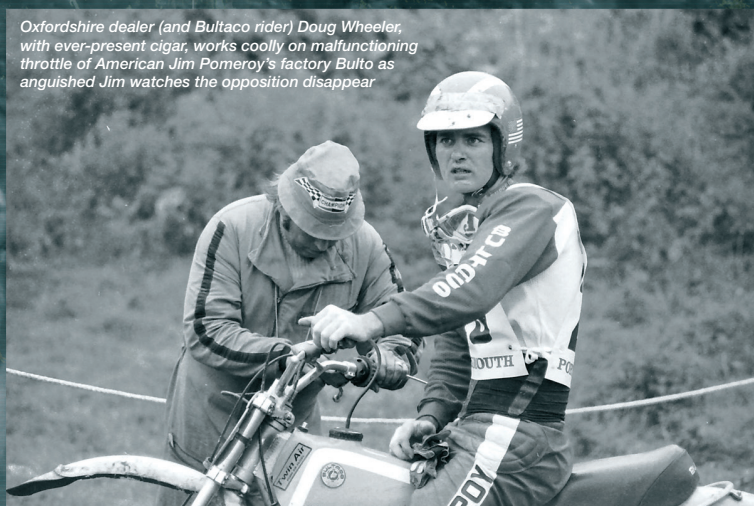
British 250GP



Terrific second race duel between eventual winner Torleif Hansen (Kawasaki) and ill-fated Jaroslav Falta (CZ)



Grittily determined Russian Gennady Moiseev assaults Ladies' Mile on his way to his (and KTM's) first world MX title



Oxfordshire dealer (and Bultaco rider) Doug Wheeler, with ever-present cigar, works coolly on malfunctioning throttle of American Jim Pomeroy's factory Bulto as anguished Jim watches the opposition disappear



1974

British 500GP



Roger de Coster leads his new Suzuki team-mate Gerrit Wolsink



Works Yamaha star Ake Jonsson leaps downhill at Dodington Park



Genial Belgian giant Jaak van Velthoven wins at Dodington Park to secure Yamaha's first 500GP victory of the year

SHOOTING STAR!

THE LUCAS OIL AMA
PRO NATIONALS
ARE NOT TOO FAR
AWAY SO WE SAT
DOWN TO TALK WITH
ADAM CIANCARULO
ON THE PRESSURE
OF EXPECTATION,
LEARNING FROM
RYAN VILLOPOTO,
THE ARDOURS OF
THE ALDON BAKER
TRAINING PROGRAMME
AND STRIVING FOR
THE 'HIT' THAT
VICTORY BRINGS...

Words by Adam Wheeler
Photos by Ray Archer and Frank Hoppen

Adam Ciancarulo is a freak – in the nicest possible way. It is alarming how disarming, dedicated and renowned the Pro Circuit rider is at the age of 18 and with plenty of professional seasons ahead of him. An afternoon with Adam is an entirely pleasant experience. He still cannot ride a motorcycle and is instructed not to even mount a bicycle as he goes through the recovery phase from the shoulder injury he sustained at the Geneva Supercross in December but he is all-too accommodating for the photos and a sit-down chat could go on far longer than the 34 minutes I eventually accrue on the MP3 recorder.

He is a talker, and doesn't have any qualm in articulating how he feels and his thoughts on racing and motocross. Rather than a Q+A the interview becomes more of a spiralling conversation as Adam strives to get his point across. In 15 years I've not encountered a more eloquent 18 year old with a grasp of what he is doing and where he is going.

AC has long been in the game of course. He has been feted for stardom even before his voice broke and has been part of the Aldon Baker training system for almost half a decade. There are not many young riders and athletes that can boast an education that involves the likes of Villopoto, Mitch Payton, Baker and the

full attention of Kawasaki. There are also not many who have had to deal with a spotlight and media infatuation quite like Ciancarulo who is emerging just at a time when the industry and Kawasaki are thinking 'where is the next Carmichael/ Stewart/Villopoto phenomenon?'

The Ciancarulo engine however has stuttered so far when it comes to producing the goods at the right moment. Injury, illness and absenteeism have been mixed with sensational results such as East Coast Supercross victories in Dallas, Indianapolis and Detroit in his rookie term. His shoulders have taken a battering but when fit and revving-free the teenager has looked formidable. >>





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